

State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

HEALTHCARE SECURITY AND SAFETY WEEK

AND

OFFICERS DAY

2012

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Healthcare Security and Safety is an invaluable, yet often invisible, support service to our healthcare institutions; and

WHEREAS, diligence assures communities of the highest quality and access to healthcare and improves and monitors the security of waiting areas; and

WHEREAS, healthcare security and safety ensures the privacy of patient information, wherever medical records are handled, by conducting observant patrols and enhancing staff awareness; and

WHEREAS, healthcare security and safety assists in controlling access to patient records, hospital products, pharmaceuticals, food, and equipment, and securing patient valuables and belongings, and offering safety escorts upon request; and

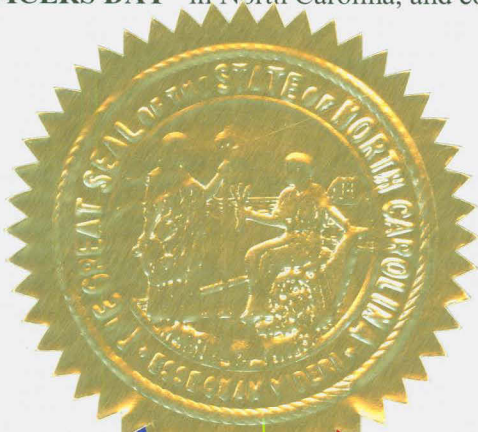
WHEREAS, healthcare security and safety involves regular inspection of fire extinguishers, lighting, locks, walkways, parking areas, stairwells, and facility departments, as well as identifying safety violations, entering work requests for repairs, issuing ID badges, and working diligently with staff to prevent fraud and theft; and

WHEREAS, healthcare security and safety officers enforce rigorous security protocols in infant, pediatric and maternity units, protects pharmacy products, staff, and secure financial transactions; and

WHEREAS, healthcare security and safety officers protect stressed and vulnerable patients and visitors, including victims of accidents and crimes, women and newborn children, the emotionally unstable, people in altered mental states and those under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina joins interested agencies and organizations in recognizing the importance of healthcare security and safety, and the essential contributions of healthcare security and safety officers to healthcare facilities and to the citizens of North Carolina;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 7- 13, 2012, as **"HEALTHCARE SECURITY AND SAFETY WEEK AND OFFICERS DAY"** in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this nineteenth day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-seventh.